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MISSOULA--

A one-week intensive workshop in "Methods of Teaching Classical Ballet" will be offered June 20-25 by the Department of Drama/Dance at the University of Montana in Missoula. The course is directed to teachers of dance or prospective teachers of dance, especially those interested in teaching beginning students.

The course will include extensive daily technique classes, including correct placement and theory specifically for teacher training. Attention will also be focused upon movement analysis. Observation and discussion of the ballet workshop classes taught by Fredbjorn Bjornsson of the Royal Danish Ballet will also be included. Additionally a laboratory teaching experience will be offered for application of class material. The workshop may be taken for three undergraduate or graduate credits, or for no credit.

Nancy Jean Brooks, assistant professor of dance/drama, will teach the course. Brooks has a master of fine arts degree in dance from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City; a bachelor of science degree in dance education from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., and holds a Grade VI Certificate in ballet pedagogy from the Cecchetti Council of America and the Imperial Society of Ballet, London.

Brooks has 12 years experience in the teaching of ballet privately in Moorestown, N.J., and was director of the West Jersey Ballet. She also has had six years teaching experience on the university level. Brooks has taught workshops for the National Association of Dance Teachers, Cecchetti Council of America, and Montana Dance Arts Association.